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1. In early October 1955, between 40,000 and 60,000 laborers were working on the improvement and extension of port facilities at Kuangchouwan (formerly Fort Bayard). The project was scheduled for completion by the end of February 1956.
2. Plans of the project were:
 - a. To make the channel leading to Kuangchouwan navigable for ships up to 500 feet long and with a draft up to 28 feet. In early October the longest wharf was 650 feet.
 - b. To send pilots from the Canton Harbor Bureau to inspect and report back on the progress of the work.
3. After the project is completed, it is planned to divert to Kuangchouwan some of the ocean-going merchant vessels which, at the present time, would proceed to Canton. The project is being undertaken in order to take advantage of the extension of the railway line to Kuangchouwan, which was completed on 1 July 1955.

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